

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/DE 2004/001349, filed June 26, 2004 and DE 103 38 651.3, filed on August 22, 2003. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

On page 1, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

Background of the Invention ~~Information~~

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates generally ~~is directed~~ to a table saw
~~according to the definition of the species in Claim 1.~~

On page 1, line 20, please amend the heading as follows:

Advantages Summary of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the third paragraph as follows:

The present invention ~~having the features of Claim 1~~ has the advantage that a risk of injury due to the gap between the guard and the work piece or the table top can be ruled out, whereby effective, simple means for this were created.

On page 3, line 21, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings Drawing

On page 4, line 1, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiment

On page 5, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

Figure 2 shows a section of table top 16 with guard 26, the saw blade 20 (Figure 3) of which is swiveled to the left by approximately 45°, the movement of which guard 26 follows in a synchronous manner. A distinct gap 32 having a width of at least 1 cm has formed between lower edge 40 of side wall 29 and top side of table top 16, which is also safely closed by protective panel 36. Said protective panel has slid relative to right side wall 29 of guard 26 to the very bottom along its elongated holes 30 38. As a result, front opening 48 of guard 26 is simultaneously closed by tab 42 of protective panel 36.

On page 9, please amend the abstract as follows:

A table saw (10) includes ~~with~~ a table top (16) over which a saw blade (20) is positioned~~[[,]].~~ ~~whereby the~~ The upper region is covered by a guard (26) which is height-adjustable relative to the saw blade (20) in particular, and ~~whereby~~ the saw blade (20) is angularly-displaceable relative to the table top (16)~~[[,]].~~ ~~whereby~~ a A gap (30) is located between the guard (26) and the table top (16). The table saw is made safer to handle by the fact that the guard (26) includes a protective panel (36) which is movably supported relative to the guard (26) and closes the gap (30) in a manner ~~in-particular~~ such that it cannot be penetrated by the operator's fingers.

~~(Figure 1)~~